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The report shows the organizational structures of Rumanian Army units as they are taught at the Military Academy of the Armed Forces. It was learned during the 1949 fall maneuvers that a large percentage of the units below division level were organized according to this system. (1)

#### Army Headquarters.

1. An army is commanded by a commander-in-chief who is assisted by a political commander and an assistant army commander, an artillery commander with staff, an air force commander with staff, a tank and mechanized forces commander with staff and an army engineer officer. (2)
2. An army's general staff is headed by the chief of general staff and includes an operations section, 1st Section; an intelligence section, 2nd Section; a communications section, 3d Section; a personnel section, 4th Section; a cipher section, 5th Section; a liaison section, 7th Section; a topographical section, 8th Section; a meteorological section, 9th Section; and a classified materials section, 12th Section.
3. An army headquarters includes a headquarters company and a guard battalion.
4. The supply of an army is handled by a headquarters for rear services which is made up of a commanding officer, a political commander and a staff consisting of an organization and planning section, 1st Section; a ration supply section, 2nd Section; an intendance (administrative) section, 3rd Section; a fuel supply section; a clothing supply section; and a technical supply section.
5. The headquarters for rear services controls numerous supply units and installations, such as ration supply depots, clothing and maintenance supply depots, ordnance and ammunition depots, fuel depots, technical supply depots, signal equipment depots, chemical equipment depots, medical equipment depots, motor transport units, hospitals, repair shops, traffic control offices, directing centers for transient personnel, PW processing camps, and provost courts and courts-martial in case of war. Religious service has been discontinued in the army since the beginning of 1949.
6. An army headquarters usually has three corps, including tank and mountain corps. An army headquarters may also be superior to numerous other independent units, such as artillery, AAA and AF divisions; AT artillery, heavy artillery, tank, SP

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artillery and mechanized brigades; and signal, engineer, rocket launcher, bridge construction and railway-operating regiments.

### Corps.

7. The organization of a corps headquarters is essentially the same as that of an army headquarters. However, a corps headquarters does not include an air force commander, a tank and mechanized forces commander, or a headquarters for rear services, since the supply of the divisions is handled directly by the army headquarters. A corps usually has three infantry divisions and some independent units of all branches of service. (3)

### Infantry Division.

8. An infantry division is commanded by a commanding general who is assisted by a political commander, an assistant commander, an artillery commander with staff, and a division engineer officer.
9. A division staff is headed by a chief of staff and includes the same sections as an army general staff, but without the meteorological section.
10. A division headquarters includes a headquarters company and a guard platoon.
11. Division supply and the supply units are controlled by a headquarters for rear services which is made up of a commanding officer, a political commander and a staff consisting of an organization and planning section, 1st Section, a ration supply section, 2nd Section; a finance section and a graves registration section. The ammunition supply is under the artillery commander.
12. The headquarters for rear services controls numerous supply units and installations, such as a ration supply depot, a motor transport company with forty-five 3-ton trucks, a motor vehicle repair shop, a clothing and maintenance repair shop, a fuel depot, a technical supply depot, a chemical equipment depot, a field bakery with 10 ovens, a medical unit with 12 ambulances, and a veterinary section.
13. An infantry division has three infantry regiments, one artillery regiment and several independent units, including a motorized reconnaissance battalion consisting of a motorized infantry company of about 140 men, a motorcycle platoon of three squads with three motorcycles each, a tank platoon with three medium tanks, a platoon with three armored personnel carriers, a motorized engineer squad of 10 men, and a motorized AT gun platoon with three 75-mm AT guns; a signal battalion organized into a telephone company and a radio company; an engineer battalion of two companies with three platoons each; a motorized AT artillery battalion with three batteries, each equipped with six 75-mm AT guns, and one battery with nine AT rifles; and a motorized AAA battery of three platoons with three 37-mm AA guns each.

### Infantry Regiment.

14. An infantry regiment is commanded by a regimental commander who is assisted by a political commander and an adjutant. A regimental staff includes an operations section, 1st Section; an intelligence section, 2nd Section; a communications section, 3d Section; and a classified materials section, (12th Section).
15. The supply of a regiment is handled by a headquarters for rear services which is made up of a commanding officer, a political commander and a staff composed of an organization and planning section, a ration supply section and a finance section. The headquarters for rear services also controls supply units and installations, such as a dispensary, a veterinary station, a motor transport section of eight 3-ton trucks, a transport column of 15 to 20 horse-drawn vehicles, field kitchens, and a maintenance group.
16. An infantry regiment has three infantry battalions and the regimental artillery, including a battery of six 57-mm AT guns, a battery of six 120-mm mortars and an infantry gun company of four short-barreled 76.2-mm guns. Independent units which belong to a regiment include a reconnaissance unit organized into a platoon of mounted scouts and another platoon of scouts on foot, which will later be converted into a motorized reconnaissance company; an AAA platoon with three 20-mm AA guns; an engineer platoon of 30 men; and a signal company with a radio platoon

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and a telephone platoon.

#### Infantry Battalion.

17. An infantry battalion is commanded by a battalion commander who is assisted by a political commander and three adjutants. Its rear services have a field kitchen, ambulances and supply vehicles.
18. An infantry battalion has three rifle companies, a heavy machine gun company and a medium mortar company, a signal platoon with a radio and a telephone section, and an AT gun platoon with two light AT guns, an AT platoon with six bazookas and an engineer section of seven men.

#### Infantry Company.

19. An infantry company is commanded by a company commander who is assisted by a political commander and some messengers. It consists of three infantry platoons and a 5-man machine gun squad with one heavy machine gun.
20. Each infantry platoon is commanded by a platoon leader who is assisted by a political leader; it is organized into four rifle squads, each with a leader and eight EM and equipped with a light machine gun.

#### Artillery Units.

21. GHQ artillery includes artillery divisions of three artillery regiments; independent artillery brigades consisting of a field gun regiment and a howitzer regiment; motorized heavy artillery brigades of two heavy 152-mm artillery regiments; and motorized AT artillery battalions each. These brigades often belong to the army headquarters units.
22. A motorized or horse-drawn artillery regiment is commanded by a regimental commander, who is assisted by a political commander, and an operations staff similar to that of an infantry regiment. In addition, the headquarters includes a headquarters battery and signal, reconnaissance and messenger sections.
23. The headquarters for rear services of an artillery regiment approximately corresponds with that of an infantry regiment.
24. An artillery regiment is generally organized into three battalions. The wartime artillery regiment of an infantry division was only an administrative unit while the so-called artillery group was employed as tactical unit. A field gun regiment has two battalions of 76.2-mm guns and one battalion of 100 or 122-mm howitzers. A howitzer regiment consists of two howitzer battalions and one field gun battalion.
25. An artillery battalion is commanded by a battalion commander who is assisted by a political commander, an observation post officer, a reconnaissance and signal officer. The other headquarters personnel includes two NCOs and seven EM who are reconnaissance and observation personnel; one NCO and about 20 EM who are signal personnel; horse drivers, etc. The supply of an artillery battalion is handled by a commander of the rear services who is assisted by a political commander. Field kitchens, ambulances, ammunition wagons, ration supply and forage vehicles and a maintenance squad belong to the rear services of an artillery battalion.
26. An artillery battalion is organized into three batteries, and one AAA platoon of three 20-mm AA guns. A battery has a battery commander who is assisted by a political commander and a battery commander's detail, including an observation post NCO, two scouts, a telephone NCO, eight telephone operators, three messengers, three machine-gunners, three horse drivers and two horse holders. A battery consists of two 2-gun platoons, the combat train and the ration supply train.
27. A motorized or horse-drawn mortar regiment is organized into two mortar battalions of three batteries. Each battery has six 120-mm mortars.

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Tank and Mechanized Units.

28. A tank division has three tank regiments and one SP artillery regiment. A mechanized division consists of three mechanized regiments and one SP artillery regiment.
29. Independent units include tank brigades, mechanized brigades and SP artillery brigades. A tank brigade has two tank regiments with about 60 tanks, in two tank battalions, a motorized infantry battalion of three companies and an SP artillery battalion. A mechanized brigade has two mechanized infantry regiments, each of two motorized infantry battalions, a tank battalion and an SP artillery battalion. SP artillery brigades are organized into two SP artillery regiments of three battalions with three batteries each, and about 54 SP guns per regiment. All these brigades often belong to the army headquarters units. GHQ units also include independent heavy tank regiments of three battalions.

Cavalry Units.

30. Cavalry divisions consisting of four cavalry regiments and one horse artillery regiment also belong to the GHQ units. A cavalry regiment has three 3-troop battalions. In peacetime two cavalry regiments make up a cavalry brigade. (h)

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- (1) [ ] Comment. The data on the organization indicate the eventual structure that the Rumanian Army strives to attain.

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- ((2) [ ] Comment. In peacetime the Rumanian Army does not include army headquarters which will probably be activated in case of mobilization. The corps and divisions are subordinate to the military district headquarters.

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- (3) [ ] Comment. The peacetime Rumanian Army includes corps, on which no information [ ] is available.

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- (4) [ ] Comment. All organizational structures set forth in the report are believed to represent only the ideal case, which is reached only to a slight extent in the present Rumanian Army.

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